



H.R. 2080 – To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education

Floor Situation

H.R. 2080 is being considered on the floor by suspending the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) on May 1, 2007. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform approved the bill by voice vote on May 1, 2007.

H.R. 2080 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 8, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 2080 amends the D.C. Home Rule Act to allow the D.C. mayor and the D.C. Council to implement a new plan for D.C.'s public school system.

Background

On April 19, 2007, the D.C. City Council approved a plan reorganizing the D.C.'s Board of Education, giving the mayor greater control of the public school system. The District of Columbia Home Rule Act – federal legislation establishing the District government – originally established the D.C. Board of Education to govern the public schools. A change to the federal statute is required to transfer these school governance responsibilities from the Board to the Mayor. H.R. 2080 amends the Home Rule Act to provide for the transfer.

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